Diversion of Funds Meant for Capital Investment

2977. SHRMATI SARALA MAHESWAWRI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred question 4695 on 20th August, 1992 and state:

(a) under which rule] directive of the Government, the IDPL was allowed to divert its funds meant for capital purposes for meeting csh losses for four running years (from 1986-87 to 1989-90); and

(b) what action Government propose to take against the persons|offi-cials responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDU ARDO FALLIRO): (a) and (b) Indian Drugs and Pharma ceuticals Limited (IDPL) had been incurring heavy cash losses over the years and the company hed acute shortage of working capital as well as funds for payment to pres sing creditors for supplies and servi ces, statutory payments, wage bills, overdue electricity bills, banks' interest etc. In this back-drop, the company had no alternative but to temporarily finance a part of the cash loss by using plan funds. The company has been formally declared as a sick industrial unit by the Board for Industrial and Financial Recons truction (BIFR). A capital restruct uring proposal for the company has been prepared. Once the capital re structuring is approved, the plan funds temporarily used, would be recoupled. Despite continuing severe constraints of working capital, even temporary use of plan funds without appropriate approvals, has been dis continued. There was no *malafide* in tention on the part of the manage ment and. therefore, action against individual officials is not proposed to be taken at this stage.

Policy for Public Sector Undertakings

2978. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some public sector units working under the administrative control of the Ministry of Industry have been adversely affected due to withdrawal of support by the Central Government; if BO, which are those units;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some units had started making profits but could not sustain; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken for improving the functioning of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EST THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) None of the sick PSUs under the Department of Heavy Industry have made any profit during the last 2 years.

(c) The functioning of these com panies has been reviewed by the Dep artment of Heavy Industry from time to time with a view to bringing about an improvement in their performance through rationalisation of manpower, increased productivity, reduction in sundry debtors and inventory and balancing investments, wherever ne cessary, of better utilisation of facili ties. In additon, 19 public sector un dertakings have made a references to the BIFR- as per the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

मारुति उद्योग लिमिटेड द्वारा धन का दुरुपयोग

2979. **श्री शान्ति त्यागी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :**

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वित्त मंत्रालय ने मारुति उद्योग लिमिटेड को कारों की बुकिंग के नाम पर एकत्र किए गए धन के दुरुपयोग और अतिरिक

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क का भुगतान न करने के संबंध में नोटिस दिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार ने इस कंपनी के विरुद्ध नोटिस देने के पश्चात् क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) और (ख) वित्त मंत्रालय ने मारुति उद्योग लिमिटेड को कारों की बुकिंग के नाम पर एकत्र किए गए धन के दुरुपयोग के लिए कोई भी नोटिस जारी नहीं किया है । तथापि उत्पाद शुल्क विभाग ने अप्रैल, 1990 और अगस्त, 1991 में मारुति उद्योग को दो कारण बताओ नोटिस, उत्पाद शुल्क की गणना के उद्देश्य से कारों का मूल्यांकन करने के सम्बन्ध में जारी किए थे । इन दोनों नोटिसों में उत्पाद शुल्क विभाग द्वारा यह कहा गया था कि उत्पाद शुल्क के प्रयोजनार्थ, कम्पनी द्वारा एकत्र की गई ग्राहकों की जमा राशियों पर मारुति उद्योग लिमिटेड द्वारा अर्जित अंतरकालिक ब्याज को भी कारों की कीमत में शामिल किया जाना चाहिए था । मारुति उद्योग लिमिटेड ने उत्पाद-शुल्क विभाग के दृष्टिकोण से असहमति व्यक्त करते हुए दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय में एक समादेश याचिका दायर करके "स्थगनादेश" प्राप्त कर लिया ।

Implementation of the growth Centre

2980. SHRI RAMJI LAL; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to speed up the implementation of the growth centres to improve the no-farm employment opportunities in the wake of steady increase in the proportion of non-agricultural employment in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether Government have received suggestions from any agency organisations in this regard: and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) In a paper titled towards rural prosperity the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Indusry have referred to the need to support developmental activities in the non-farm sector of the rural areas by promoting the growth centre concept. Under the growth centre scheme announced in 1988, Government have already selected 65 growth centres in consultation with the State Governments. Project reports in respect of 33 centres have been approved for implementation. A sum of Rs. 48.00 crores has been released for the approved centres so far.

PSUs Ignoring Government directives

2981. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA; Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 168 PSUs have flouted Government directives to seek revised project cost approval from Public Investment Board:

(b) if so, the names of those PSUs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these undertakings have run into ser ious cost and tlime overruns; and

(d) what action is being taken ag ainst the officials responsible for not seeking approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRI DHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) The informaion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.